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SUBJECT: GROUP OF NATIONAL DIRECTORS OF MATERIAL STANDARD-
IZATION (GNDMS)

REF: A. USNATO 704 DTG 091327Z FEB 77; B. AC/259/D/512;
C. AC/259-D/546.

1. THE NADREP WORKING GROUP PREPARING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE
(TOR) FOR THE GROUP OF NATIONAL DIRECTORS OF MATERIAL
STANDARDIZATION (GNDMS) MET ON FEBRUARY 28, 1977. THE
WORKING GROUP REVIEWED A DRAFT OF TOR PREPARED BY THE
INTERNATIONAL STAFF SUBSEQUENT TO THE LAST MEETING (REF A.).
AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION AND SOME MODIFICATION OF THE
DRAFT, THE WORKING GROUP UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO FORWARD THE
TOR TO THE NADREPS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THEIR MARCH 21
MEETING.

2. COMMENT: APPROVAL BY THE NADREPS IN PLENARY SESSION
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IS REQUIRED BEFORE THE TOR CAN BE FORWARDED TO CNAD FOR
ACCEPTANCE. WE SHOULD NOT ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT SIMPLY
BECAUSE THE WORKING GROUP AGREED TO FORWARD THE TOR TO
NADREPS THAT THE FORATION OF THE GNDMS HAS BEEN ACCOM-
PLISHED. NADREPS WILL BE GETTING NATIONAL POSITIONS
ON THE TOR SPECIFICALLY, AND THE GNDMS GENERALLY FOR
THE MARCH 21 MEETING. ON THE OTHER HAND,OUTRIGHT
HOSTILITY TO THE CONCEPT OF THE GNDMS WAS NOT REPEAT
NOT EVIDENT AT THIS WORKING GROUP MEETING. THE TOR
WERE DIVORCED FROM REFERENCES B AND C AND WERE DISCUS-

SED THAT WAY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED HOSTILITY (REF A) WAS DIRECTED MORE TO THE SUBSTANCE AND FORMAT OF REFERENCES B AND C THAN TO THE GNDMS ITSELF; THEREFORE WE ESTIMATE THAT THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT THE TOR WILL BE ACCEPTED. WE WILL FORWARD A COPY OF THE TOR FOR WASHINGTON REVIEW AS SOON AS THE DOCUMENT IS PUBLISHED. END COMMENT.

3. REFERENCES B AND C WERE NOT DISCUSSED PER SE. REF B WILL SERVE AS A BACKGROUND DOCUMENT FOR THE GNDMS TO CONSIDER IN ITS DELIBERATIONS. IF THE TOR ARE AGREED TO BY NADREPS ON MARCH 21, REF B WILL NEED TO BE REVISED, ESPECIALLY ANNEX I. WE UNDERSTAND REF C WILL BE EXPANDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND, THEREFORE, FOR THE PRESENT, ACTION ON IT HAS BEEN HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING REVIEW OF A COMPLETELY REVISED VERSION. COMMENT. IN VIEW OF THE PLANNED SUBSTANTIAL REVISION TO REF C, WE OPTED NOT TO PURSUE DISCUSSION OF IT IN THE WORKING GROUP. OUR PRIMARY CONCERN WAS THE FORMATION OF THE GNDMS AND DISCUSSION OF REF C COULD ONLY SERVE TO DIVERT THE REAL ISSUE. END COMMENT.

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